

BURKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

FINANCE COMMITTEE

October 13, 2021

The Finance Committee of the Burke County Board of Commissioners met on Wednesday, October 13, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. in the Training Room. The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Lucious Abrams. Commissioners Nix and Lively were in attendance. Merv Waldrop, County Manager, Adam Flakes, Assistant County Manager, as well as Commissioners Martin and Kelly were also in attendance.

The award of bid for the EMA Headquarters renovation was discussed. Bids were as follows:

BIDDER	BID AMOUNT
Pioneer General & Mechanical Contracting, LLC – Trenton SC	\$1,286,362.00
RCN Contracting – Augusta GA	\$ 749,289.00
DeRalco Inc – Augusta GA	\$ 978,136.00
BAK Builders – Statesboro GA	\$ 828,300.00

Commissioner Nix motioned to accept the bid from RCN Contracting in the amount of \$749,289.00 with Commissioner Lively seconding. Motion passed 3-0. Ben Carter, Architect, suggested contacting RCN to see if there were items where the County may be able to reduce costs.

The award of bid for the Cotton Warehouse renovation was then discussed. Bids were as follows:

BIDDER	BID AMOUNT
RCN Contracting – Augusta GA	\$2,702,056.00
Contract Management, Inc – Augusta GA	\$2,959,033.00
Cork-Howard Construction – Marietta GA	\$2,984,000.00
Continental Construction Co Inc – Evans GA	\$2,824,000.00
DeRalco Inc – Augusta GA	\$3,021,000.00
Milestone Construction – Augusta GA	\$2,669,000.00

Commissioner Nix motioned to accept the bid from Milestone Construction in the amount of \$2,669,000.00 with Commissioner Lively seconding. Motion passed 3-0. Again, Ben Carter suggested contacting Milestone Construction to discuss areas where costs may be able to be reduced.

The Committee then reviewed Authority to Pay requests. Most requests originated from the Sheriff’s Office with Commissioner Lively inquiring if the Sheriff’s Office was aware of correct purchasing procedures. Sheriff Williams committed to following the County’s Purchasing Policies. Commissioner Abrams suggested Sheriff Williams meet with Manager Waldrop, Assistant Manager Flakes and two Board members, chosen by Chairman Kelly, to discuss proper protocol. All requests were approved for payment.

Discussion was then held on increasing the Blanket Purchase Order for Wingfoot regarding tire purchases or if tires should be bid. Wingfoot offers state contract pricing. Commissioner Nix motioned to increase the Wingfoot Blanket Purchase Order to \$60,000 per year with Commissioner Lively seconding. Motion passed 3-0.

The Committee reviewed and signed the warrant reports for September 2021. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Lucious Abrams, Committee Chairman

Q. U. “Art” Lively, Commissioner

R. Tommy Nix, Commissioner

Merv Waldrop, County Manager